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BLM RECREATION SITES ON HOLTER AND HAUSER LAKES OPEN MAY 13

BUTTE – All Bureau of Land Management (BLM) recreation sites officially open on May 13 when services will be provided and recreation fees collected.

Recent improvements at Holter Lake Campground include an expanded swim beach, the addition of a fish cleaning station and improvements to the breakwater spit to make it universally accessible. Improvements at Log Gulch and Departure Point Campgrounds include additional landscaping, tree planting, benches, shoreline fishing walkway and swimming access. The two new group shelters at Log Gulch are available for group reservations.

On Hauser Lake, Devil's Elbow Campground saw improvements in landscaping, trails, and the swimming area. At nearby Clark's Bay, visitors will find new shade structures and picnic tables. In addition, a new interpretive site known as Two Camps Vista is complete and open to the public at no charge. Two Camps is located north of Lakeside just off York Road and above Devil' Elbow Campground.

Fee sites on Hauser Lake include Devil's Elbow Campground and Clark's Bay day-use site. Day-use visitors will be able to launch boats again this season at Devil's Elbow from 7 am to 10 pm subject to available parking. On Holter Lake, recreation use fees are charged at Log Gulch, Departure Point, and Holter Lake Campgrounds.

Fees at the above sites are:

Camping = \$10/night

Day Use = \$2/vehicle

Seasonal Day Use Pass = \$25/vehicle

Group Picnic Reservations = \$50 + \$2/vehicle (Holter Lake, Log Gulch and Clark's Bay)

Group Camping Reservations = \$50 + \$10/night (Devil's Elbow and Log Gulch)

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The Holter Dam Site located on the Missouri River immediately below the lake along Holter Dam Road

also opens May 13 with camping at \$6/night.

The Beartooth Landing boat-in site located upriver from Holter Lake and across from Ming Bar is now

open. No fees are charged at this site.

All fees are half price for those who possess a Golden Age or Golden Access Passport. To qualify, you

must be 62 years of age or permanently disabled. For passport information and more information about any of the

Bureau of Land Management recreation sites in the Hauser or Holter Lake area, contact one of the following BLM

numbers:

Butte Field Office, 533-7600

Devil's Elbow, 227-3570 Holter Lake, 235-4314

Log Gulch, 235-4480.

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